

improving the varieties of seeds. Provision have been made to impart training to the farmers. Fertilizers are used after applying the pesticides. Efforts are being made for increasing the irrigation capacity and the use of sprinklers is being encouraged.

MR. SPEAKER : If any target has been fixed, then please tell the year.

SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV : Target is there that is why the Department of Agriculture is taking initiative in the direction of increasing the production.

MR. SPEAKER : Please tell us the year.

SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV : No year exactly has been fixed so far. There is no such programme, but as I have mentioned earlier there has been an increase of 50 lakh tonnes in the production of edible oil during the last five years. If in the next two to three years, production of edible oil increases by then we must hope that we would certainly become self-sufficient in this regard.

[English]

SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Sir, I could not understand why the Government is not importing sunflower oil on a large scale while we are getting it for Rs. 25 less than the pamolein oil in the international market. Is the Government continuing to import oil seeds and edible oil? If so, why is the Government not importing sunflower oil instead of pamolein oil in order to save foreign exchange?

[Translation]

SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have already stated that there is a gap of 9 to 10 lakh between demand and supply thereof and there are two effects of it. It can have adverse effect on consumers also in future and also on oil seed growers.

MR. SPEAKER : You may tell us whether sunflower oil is being imported or not? That is the question.

[English]

SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : It is available at a cheaper rate.

[Translation]

SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the provision of importing sunflower oil is under O.G.L. So far there was 30 per cent custom duty on it so far which has been reduced to 22 per cent in the last year's Budget and it has been equated in the current budget also in order to facilitate its imports. Now, this custom duty would be imposed equally both in O.G.L. and P.D.S.

SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR : Mr. Speaker, what I would like to know from the hon. Minister, pamolein is

distributed in Maharashtra, but there is acute shortage of it there. When we distribute it there under the Public Distribution System, there is a great demand for it there and people don't get pamolein oil for months. Keeping this in view, whether the Government of India has any scheme for supplying it to those people who demanding for it and what is the decision it has taken in this respect regarding Maharashtra.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : No, this question does not arise out of this. You are talking about distribution, but the question is about import.

SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR : Why not, Sir?

MR. SPEAKER : How you expect the hon. Minister to answer about distribution here? The question is about the Import Policy.

SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR : Sir, my question is whether it will be made available.

[Translation]

Police Complaint Authority

*224. DR. A.K. PATEL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any Police Complaint Authority has been constituted in Delhi with the approval of Central Government to consider specially the cases of violation of Human Rights;

(b) if so, the number of members of this Authority;

(c) whether the Government propose to issue directions for constituting such an Authority in other States as well;

(d) if so, the time by which these Authorities will be constituted indicating detailed functions of this Authority; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

[English]

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Government has decided to set up a "Police Complaints Authority" consisting of a Chairman and three Members (including part-time Members) for speedy redressal of complaints made by the members of the public against acts of omission and commission on the part of officials of Delhi Police (including cases of inaction, harassment or misbehaviour, extortion or

corruption, abuse of power and authority, non-registration of FIRs and custodial crimes) and to recommend such action as considered necessary for the removal of such grievances.

Police is a State subject and it is for the States to set up proper machineries for redressal of public complaints against police. Home Minister will shortly be writing to Chief Ministers/Administrators of States/UTs to review the present set up in their respective States/UTs for redressal of complaints against police. They will also be advised to devise and establish proper mechanism and machinery for redressal of complaints against Police, as they may consider suitable.

DR. A.K. PATEL : Mr. Speaker, Sir, violation of human rights is becoming rampant day by day. The protectors of laws have become the worst offenders today in Delhi and in other parts of the country. Everyday we read in newspapers about harassment by Police Department. I want to know from the hon. Minister of Home Affairs what action is he going to take against the officers who are involved in such type of cases.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Sir, this question specifically relates to the proposed Police Complaints Authority to be set up in Delhi. As you will recall, Sir, this concept of Police Complaints Authority was mooted by the hon. Prime Minister himself in the Rajya Sabha last July. Ever since then, this idea of having a Police Complaints Authority has been accepted in principle and it is being worked out how exactly it is to be constituted and set up.

The complaints which the hon. Member has referred to, that is misconduct and harassment on the part of the Police personnel including officers will, of course, be one of the major issues which will come before this Authority for inquiry and redress when this Authority is set up and which I hope would be completed, say at the maximum, within two months from now.

DR. A.K. PATEL : Sir, I would like to know the number of cases recorded in different States against the Police Departments and inquiries held in such cases?

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Sir, this question which the hon. Member has asked, of course, relates to the States. As you know, the State Governments are concerned with their own law and order and Police and their activities in their States. So I cannot immediately give you the number of cases which have been brought to notice in the various States.

If the hon. Member so wants, I can collect some more information and give that to him later on.

But now, I think, at the moment it is of the greatest importance that this Police Complaint Authority, which will be an independent public body, is set up. Once it

is set up in Delhi, we hope that on the same pattern we will be able to instruct the various State Governments to set up Authorities in their respective States.

COL. SONA RAM CHOUDHARY : Sir, Delhi Police especially has become very very notorious and there are a number of complaints...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Please do not say that. It is not fair.

COL. SONA RAM CHOUDHARY : By and large the constables are notorious. I would like to know from the hon. Home Minister through you, Sir, as to how many complaints have been lodged against Police in the capital, Delhi. I had lodged one complaint about four months back. I was almost manhandled. I wrote to the hon. Minister. I got a letter from the hon. Minister that an inquiry had been constituted and some action would be taken and again because all police officers and constables are involved, they are trying to hush up...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : I would like to make a request to those Members who want to raise their issues during the Zero Hour to restrain from raising their hands now. I cannot give them both the chances.

(Interruptions)

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : I am not going to raise any issue in the Zero Hour...*(Interruptions)*

COL. SONA RAM CHOUDHARY : Sir, he had ensured that some action would be taken. An inquiry had been ordered. But I have not heard anything about it. I would like to know two things from the hon. Minister. How many complaints have been lodged against Police? Secondly, I want to know as to what had happened to the complaint personally lodged by me. I had written to the hon. Minister on this. I would like to leave it in case the hon. Minister does not want to reply...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : I think, you have put the same question four times.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : On the specific complaint, which the hon. Member is referring to, which he himself had represented and about which he is complaining that no action had been taken, if he would be so good enough to meet me, if he likes, outside the House and give me the details, I will have it looked into immediately.

[Translation]

SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to ask the Home Minister that when the Prime Minister had decided in July then why this authority has not yet been set up? Secondly you have yourself said that it is the duty of states to set up a proper authority and you will write to Chief Ministers of Union Territories and states in this regard. I want to know whether the Chief Minister of Delhi can set up such a complaint authority?

Will you permit him or create hurdles in its way? Will the elected Government not take care of this machinery? Then we cannot solve the complaints received against the police. People do not go to police station for this. They approach the elected Government. Has the Chief Minister of Delhi full authority to set up such a complaint centre?

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : He has certainly the right to do so. Besides we are going to order the Chief Ministers of concerned states to form a public body of this type in their respective states where complaints can be lodged. They will have full right to enquire and give report in this regard.

[English]

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : Sir, please allow me.

MR. SPEAKER : The next question is on Tripura and I thought that you would ask your question on Tripura.

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : No, Sir. I would like to put my supplementary on this question.

Sir, Delhi is very very near to U.P. ... (Interruptions)

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Is your question about Tripura?... (Interruptions)

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : No, my supplementary question is on question no. 224.

Your concept of Police Complaint Authority is welcomed by all the Members. In view of your statement in U.P. that there is political anarchy, social chaos and destructive economy, which should be taken care of by all the parties, will that Committee take care of this situation in Delhi?

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : If such a situation is obtaining in Delhi, I would like to hear about it from the hon. Member first.

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : You know better than me. The number of killings, murders, dacoities, kidnappings, rapes is the highest in Delhi. You can ask all Members. Everyday it is there in the newspapers. Your analysis of political anarchy, social chaos and destructive economy is absolutely fitting in the case of Delhi.

So let us know what he has been doing.

SHRI RAM NAIK : If you can bring it under Rule 184, probably he will reply to your Question.

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : What you people are thinking! Now we know where the shoe is pinching. You take that chance. Make it equal. Why are you worried? We will be open like this.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Sir, the hon. Member has made more than one reference to my statement. That statement was particularly about the state of affairs prevailing in Uttar Pradesh. It was not about Delhi or any other State.

[Translation]

Subsidies to Agriculture Sector

*226. PROF. OMPAL SINGH 'NIDAR' : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal for enhancing the rate of subsidies being provided to the agriculture sector in the country is under consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

[English]

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (c) There is no proposal under consideration at present to enhance the rates of subsidies being provided to agriculture sector as the Eighth Plan is coming to a close on 31.3.1997. However, farmers are being subsidies through input prices of fertilizers, electricity, irrigation and credit. Besides, several concessions, incentives and assistance are also granted in other forms like seeds mini kits, machine tools, plant protection, soil conservation, drip & sprinkler irrigation and training through various plan schemes.

The rates of concessions, including those announced recently on 20.2.97, on phosphatic and potassic fertilizers under the ongoing scheme of the 'sale of de-controlled fertilizers with concessions to the farmers' over the period, are given below :

Rates of concession on phosphatic and potassic fertilizers

(Rs. per tonne)

Product	upto 5.7.96	6.7.96 to 31.3.97	From 1.4.97
Indigenous DAP	1000	3000	3750
Imported DAP	-	1500	2250
Muriate of Potash (MOP)	1000	1500	2000
SSP (16% P)	340	500	600
Indigenous Complexes	435-999	1304-2633	1149-3320

The details of other subsidies being provided under various schemes are given in the enclosed *Annexure*.